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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tomoya KODAMA, et al.

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FOR: VIDEO ENCODING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND VIDEO ENCODING MODE CONVERTING APPARATUS AND METHOD

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- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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**LIST OF RELATED CASES**

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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AO (11-98514) on Form PTO-1449:**

This reference shows a similar process that select a coding-type of a picture adaptively while encoding. But it decides the type using the coding complexity of the picture before encoding.

**Reference AP (2002-218470) on Form PTO-1449:**

This reference relates to a bitrate transform coder similar to the transcoder employed in our invention. But it does not describe about B-VOP of MPEG-4.

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